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HIGHER EDUCATION TO MINORITY STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education was asked to relax minimum marks for giving admission to minorities in engineering colleges ;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the AICTE was also asked to prepare a special package to impart basic education to minority students entering technical educations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (d): The periodic report (November 2005 - June 2006) of the Standing Committee of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education (NMCME) was discussed and submitted to Government in the meeting of the NMCME held on 11-12 July 2006.The said Report, inter alia, contained suggestions that AICTE should give relaxation in the case of minimum marks to be scored by minority community students as in the ease of SC/ST students and those who have scored minimum pass marks be allowed to take admission in engineering colleges and the AICTE should prepare a special package for this purpose.According to AICTE, the admission process in various engineering colleges comes under the purview of respective State Governments/ affiliating universities therefore relaxation of minimum marks to join engineering colleges does not come under their purview. The admission tests are conducted by State Universities and/or Affiliating Universities.